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SUBJ: DEMARCHE REGARDING ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA IN SOVIET
EMBASSY "NEWS BULLETIN"

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1. DURING AN AUGUST 29 CALL ON SAMAD GHAUS, DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, I RAISED
THE ISSUE OF THE CONTINUING ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE SOVIET
EMBASSY IN ITS "NEWS BULLETIN". I EMPHASIZED TO
HIM THAT, IN OUR VIEW, SUCH A CAMPAIGN REPRESENTS
A BGYTANT VIOLATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN'S
RULE PROHIBITING ANY ABUSE OF THIRD COUNTRIES IN
EMBASSY NEWS BULLETINS. I ALSO STRESSED THAT, FOR
OUR PART, THE U.S. MISSION UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES
THE "THIRD COUNTRY RULE", AND STRIVES TO
ADHERE TO IT SCRUPULOUSLY, BOTH IN LETTER AND IN
SPIRIT.

2. DEPUTY MINISTER GHAUS REPLIED THAT HE WAS AWARE
OF THE PROBLEM, AND COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD SEE
WHAT HE COULD DO TO HAVE THE SOVIET EMBASSY CEASE
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ITS PUBLICATION OF ANTI-U.S. CAMPAIGN
REPORTED IN REFTEL, ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS WE
HAVE RAISED THE THIRD COUNTRY ISSUE ON AN INFORMAL
BASIS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
INFORMATION OFFICE. THESE APPROACHES HAD PRODUCED
NO TANGIBLE EFFECT ON THE CONTENT IN THE SOVIET
EMBASSY'S BULLETIN. WHETHER THIS DEMARCHE TO GHAUS

WILL RESULT IN A DIMINUATION OF THE ANTI-U.S. PRO-PAGANDA REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT AT LEAST THE MFA IS AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THE SITUATION, AS WELL AS OF OUR CONSIDERATION THAT THIS SOVIET PROPAGANDA IS UNACCEPTABLE THIRD COUNTRY BEHAVIOR.

4. DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW.
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